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Ex-CIA Man Sentenced

District Court Levies
6-Month Penalty on
Newport Resident

William E. Vennberg, 47, of 19 Orchard Ave., Johnston, pleaded guilty to a charge of stealing mail last spring and was given a year's probation. A letter carrier who has since been fired, Vennberg was accused of taking about \$75 from the mails over a three-month period. "The defendant's difficulty was liquor," Mr. Williamson said.

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A former Central Intelligence Agency employee, Lawrence A. Machado of 13 Hall Ave., Newport, yesterday pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court to a charge that he impersonated a federal official in Puerto Rico last March in running up a \$200 bill at the International Airport Hotel.

The 35-year-old man, who was given a six-month suspended sentence in district court, Newport, last July on a bad check charge, was sentenced to seven months in jail by Judge Edward W. Day.

Arnold Williamson, Jr., the assistant U.S. district attorney, said Machado used his old C.I.A. papers to pose as a functionary of the Department of Defense. He also said the F.B.I. in Puerto Rico has accused him of stealing and forging travelers' checks, but is not pressing the charge because of his willingness to plead guilty to the impersonation accusation.

In other court action yesterday:

Kenneth C. Harmon, 33, of 40 Edgar St., Newport, failed to appear on a charge that he passed a bad check for \$250 in Washington, D.C., a case that was to be tried here. Mr. Williamson said the government will move to foreclose on the \$2,000 bond put up by the defendant.

John F. Lander, 22, no permanent address, was ordered to Washington, D.C., to stand trial on a charge of taking a stolen car over a state line. He was arrested here by the F.B.I. in May and held for lack of \$1,500 bail.

Herbert R. Waisnor, 32, of 6 Robinson Way, West Warwick, was sentenced to a year in jail for stealing \$2,172 from the Quonset Naval Air Station cafeteria last September. He was found guilty on four counts on June 27.

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